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Dear Mr. Noe:

In line with the rather recent formation of a Museum Group in the parent organization - Special Libraries Association - it has been felt that the local New York association should have a Museum Group also.

Would you be interested in becoming affiliated with such a group? The Special Libraries Association wishes most earnestly to meet the needs of all specialized librarians, and although the museum representation is small in numbers, compared with some of the larger groups, perhaps for that very reason it would be advantageous to work together. If to your interest, it is of course permissible to belong to other groups as well, but let us, the museum librarians, form our own group and get acquainted personally and professionally.

A suggested outline of this year's activities, in addition to becoming acquainted whenever possible at the monthly dinners of the Special Libraries Association, would include a few group meetings at some of the museums represented. As there is no Special Libraries Association dinner in December, I would suggest having the first meeting of the Museum Group at my library, Roosevelt House, 28 E. 20th St. on Friday, Dec. 12th at 4 p. m. After a very short get-together meeting, there will follow an open forum on any of the particular problems met with in this library, and an inspection of the museum.

The chairman will welcome any expressions of opinion both as to the formation and the activities of the new Museum Group; also the present possibility of your attending this, the first meeting. In order to have the list correct for mailing purposes, a reply will be greatly appreciated.

Very sincerely yours,

Nora E. Sordingley
Chairman, Museum Group

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28 E. 20th St.)

Mr. Sidney P. Noe
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Nov. 24, 1930

Miss Nora E. Cordingley
Librarian, Roosevelt Memorial Ass'n,
28 East 20th Street, New York City.

Dear Miss Cordingley:

Your circular of November 20th is at hand. Because I do not live in the city the attendance at meetings of the Special Libraries Association is something of a tax and I have rarely been present. I note what you say regarding a sub-group for Museum Libraries and I am averse to taking a position which would interfere with a worthwhile development even though, as in this case, I do not see that sufficient reason has been presented for the course outlined. As my duties are not confined to the supervision of our library, any addition to that has to be scanned pretty sharply to make sure that it has value. I know something of the collection at Roosevelt House and its inspection at that time of day is not an inducement to attend from my point of view. I realize that this communication is a very obvious demonstration of my lack of knowledge of what is being attempted in these meetings of the Special Libraries Association, and if the function of these get-together evenings is little more than social, I frankly haven't time available for them. I should be unable to attend the meeting on December 12th because I have another appointment for that hour. Please pardon the length of my response.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.